



MONROE THIS WEEK

October 9, 2015



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Appointment Openings

Salary Commission

Job Openings

Entry-Level Police Officer
Experienced Police Officer
(Lateral)

Events this Week

- 10/13** *City Council Meeting*
City Hall, Council
Chambers, 7PM
- 10/17** *Farm to Table Farmres*
Market, Harvest Festival
at Lk Tye Prk, 9AM-
1PM

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at GThomas@MonroeWa.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Eagle Scout candidate Benson Gonzales who procured donations and organized volunteers to install a new barbeque station at Sky River Park on Saturday, September 26, 2015!

Thank you to Monroe Sky Valley Education Center teacher Pamela Weaver and her class of thirty students who gave a total of over sixty hours of volunteer service on Saturday, October 3, 2015, removing litter around Lake Tye for the betterment of our community and health of the environment!

Be In The Know!

211

Need help finding training, employment, food banks, shelter, and assistance for aging parents, addiction prevention, programs for teens, affordable housing options, or support groups? Call 211 from any telephone.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4 through 10, 2015

Monroe Fire District No. 3 is hosting their annual Open House on October 10, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep," encouraging every bedroom has a working smoke alarm. The Fire District welcomes all visitors to their Open House at 163 Village Court – across from the Monroe Library. More information is at www.monroefire.org.

City of Monroe Year to Date Comparisons

The following are year to date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 9/30/14: \$2,667,928

'15 to 9/30/15: \$2,997,528

UP \$329,600 or 12.35%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 9/30/14: \$330,346

'15 to 9/30/15: \$492,811

UP \$162,465 or 49.18%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 9/30/14: \$42,907

'15 to 9/30/15: \$47,799

UP \$4,892 or 11.40%

Business License Fees

'14 to 9/30/14: \$35,123

'15 to 9/30/15: \$35,936

UP \$813 or 2.32%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 9/30/14: \$142,350

'15 to 9/30/15: \$225,697

UP \$83,347 or 58.55%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 9/30/14: \$26,230

'15 to 9/30/15: \$56,990

UP \$30,760 or 117.27%

New House Permits

'14 to 9/30/14: 12

'15 to 9/30/15: 41

UP 29 units or 242%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 9/30/14: 44 units

'15 to 9/30/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 9/30/14: 1,196

'15 to 9/30/15: 1,315

UP 119 or 9.9%

State Route (SR) 522 Update

Earlier this year, the State adopted a large transportation budget that does not include funds to finish SR 522. This means that the State has not funded finishing the widening of SR 522 from two lanes to four lanes, and the State has not funded completing the replacement of the stoplight at Paradise Lake Road with an interchange.

Finishing SR 522 is of paramount importance to our community. We want to share what it means for you to have the State fund and finish SR 522. Please email me at gthomas@monroewa.gov or comment on Facebook at "Mayor Geoffrey Thomas."

For more info on "Paradise Lake Road to Snohomish River Widening" and "Paradise Lake Road Interchange" visit: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR522/>.

Fairgrounds Meeting

On October 2, 2015, I was pleased to meet with representatives from the State of Washington's Transportation Department and from Snohomish County. We discussed improvements to the frontage of the Evergreen State Fairgrounds from Cascade View Drive to 179th Avenue Southeast. Discussion included improving the pedestrian connection and the appearance of the ditch and fence along US 2; as well as, other gateway improvements at the Fairgrounds. The City will be following up with Snohomish County and the State over the next couple of months on these conversations.

Preliminary Budget Available

City staff and I have been working hard on the 2016 Preliminary Budget. I am pleased to have a balanced budget ready to present to City Council. Council will begin to discuss the budget at their October 13, 2015, Meeting. Copies of the 2016 Preliminary Budget are available through the City Clerk's office or online: <http://monroewa.gov/documentcenter/view/3414>.

City Council Updates!

Wakeboard Park Update

H3O has reviewed and submitted comments to the draft addendum to the existing agreement with the City for the Cable Wakeboard Park at Lake Tye. The City Council will discuss and consider the addendum at the October 20, 2015, Council Meeting.